

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: IOWA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC., d/b/a IOWA TELECOM	DOCKET NO. SPU-02-18 (SPU-02-19)
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ORDER REQUIRING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

(Issued January 22, 2003)

In its Third Report and Order,¹ the FCC distinguished between carrier-specific costs directly related to providing number portability and carrier-specific costs not directly related to providing number portability.² Whether the costs Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom (Iowa Telecom) has attributed to providing long-term number portability (LNP) are directly related to providing number portability is a contested issue in this case.

47 U.S.C. § 251(f)(2) states that the Utilities Board (Board) shall grant Iowa Telecom's petition if it determines, among other things, that suspension or modification of the requirement to provide LNP is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. Testimony filed to date has not explicitly addressed the appropriate application of this section of the statute to the facts of this case.

¹ *In the Matter of Telephone Number Portability*, Third Report and Order, FCC 98-82, CC Docket No. 95-116, RM 8535 (Released May 12, 1998).

² See, for example, paragraphs 7, 37, 62, 68, and 72-74.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. Iowa Telecom must file an exhibit that contains a detailed list of the equipment and costs that Iowa Telecom alleges are the costs to provide LNP in each exchange at issue in this case. Iowa Telecom must include an explanation of why each item and cost is directly related to providing LNP and should be exclusively attributed to providing LNP. This exhibit and explanation must be filed no later than January 28, 2003.
2. The parties must be prepared to address the public interest, convenience, and necessity issue at the hearing.

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/s/ Amy L. Christensen
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Administrative Law Judge

ATTEST

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 22nd day of January, 2003.